

1. (Twice Amended) A client-server system for corporate traveler planning, expense reporting and travel management comprising:
- a computerized reservation system in communication with at least one provider of travel services;
- a relational database server communicably linked to the computerized reservation system;
- a traveler personal computer communicably linked to the relational database server and including a planning, expense reporting and travel management system [resident within a personal computer providing] having a graphical user interface configured for [communication between the corporate traveler, at least one travel agency, the traveler planning, expense reporting and travel management system, and the relational database server, and
- wherein the traveler planning, expense reporting and travel management system is configured for] selectively allowing the traveler to interactively communicate with the computerized reservation system and the relational database server, for completing [complete] a planned travel reservation with the provider of travel services, without assistance of a travel agency, and for communicating [communicate] the completed travel reservation to the travel agency for post reservation processing.

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12. (Twice Amended) A method for [corporate] traveler planning, expense reporting and travel management in a system that [utilizes a personal computer] communicably [linked to the corporate] links a traveler, at least one travel agency, and a relational database server, which [that] is communicably linked to a computerized reservation system that provides travel information concerning at least one provider of travel services, [from the computerized reservation system to the relational database server and the traveler planning, expense reporting and travel management system,] the method comprising the steps of:
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- preparing a travel request [from] for the traveler based on the traveler's [requested] travel plan;
- selectively obtaining approval for the traveler's [requested] travel plan;
- preparing an expense report based on the traveler's [requested] travel plan;
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- obtaining approval for the expense report and the traveler's [requested] travel plan;
- providing a graphical user interface configured to selectively allow the traveler to complete a planned travel reservation with the provider of travel services based on the traveler's approved travel plan, without assistance of the travel agency;
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- receiving from the traveler a completed travel reservation based on the traveler's approved travel plan; and

82 communicating the completed travel reservation to the travel agency for post reservation processing.

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18. (Twice Amended) A client-server system for corporate traveler planning, expense reporting and travel management comprising:
- a computerized reservation system in communication with at least one provider of travel services;
 - a relational database server communicably linked to the computerized reservation system;
 - a traveler planning, expense reporting and travel management system resident within a personal computer providing a graphical user interface for communication between the corporate traveler, at least one travel agency, the traveler planning, expense reporting, and travel management system and the relational database server; and
 - wherein the traveler planning, expense reporting and travel management system includes:
 - a travel planning module having an automatic travel request approval device for automatically approving travel requests made by the traveler before travel expenses are incurred and a [series of] graphical user interface configured [interfaces] for allowing at least one traveler to interactively communicate with the computerized reservation system and

20 the relational database server for planning and booking [plan and book]
routine and non-routine trips that include at least one selected from a
group comprising air, hotel, and car accommodations with at least one
provider of travel services, without assistance of the travel agency, and
communicate the traveler's planned and booked routine and nonroutine
trips to the travel agency for post planning and booking processing;
25 a travel expense reporting module having a expense report
approval and routing device for automatically approving and routing
expense reports; and
a travel decision maker module configured for incorporating
information from the travel planning module and the expense reporting
30 module and providing pre-travel and post-travel reporting.

- 5 20. (Twice Amended) A computer-implemented method of managing travel for an
enterprise, comprising the steps of:
receiving a request [to book] for a travel plan from a traveler;
determining whether the traveler's requested travel plan complies with
travel policies;
notifying the traveler of whether the traveler's requested travel plan
complies with the travel policies;
providing a graphical user interface configured to selectively [allowing]

10 ~~allow the traveler to notify a computerized reservation system of a completed travel reservation with a provider of travel services depending upon whether the traveler's requested travel plan complies with the travel policies, without assistance of a travel agency, and communicate the completed travel reservation to [a] the travel agency for post reservation processing;~~

15 ~~computing expense data corresponding to the traveler's requested travel plan; and~~

~~maintaining a storage subsystem reflecting travel information for the enterprise, including requested travel plans and corresponding expense data.~~

5 ~~64. (Twice Amended) A computer program product having a computer readable medium, the computer readable medium having instructions for performing a method for managing travel for an enterprise, the method comprising:~~

~~storing travel information corresponding to travel itineraries and associated expense data, and travel policy data in a storage subsystem;~~

~~arranging travel itineraries for travelers in a planning subsystem;~~

~~providing a communication link between a computerized reservation system with information for at least one provider of travel services, the storage subsystem, and a planning subsystem;~~

10 ~~providing a graphical user interface configured for selectively allowing [the travelers] a traveler to reserve requested travel itineraries with [an external~~

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facility] a provider of travel services having information on travel resources,
without assistance of a travel agency, and communicate reserved travel
itineraries to [a] the travel agency for [subsequent] processing;
generating reports corresponding to the travel information in a reporting
subsystem; and
linking the planning subsystem and the reporting subsystem via the
storage subsystem.

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67. (Twice Amended) A computer-implemented method of managing travel for an enterprise using an accessible external source of information on travel resources, comprising the steps of

storing travel data associated with travelers of the enterprise, enterprise policy data, and preference data associated with each traveler;

receiving requests from the travelers to book travel plans;

determining whether there are available travel resources for each request based on preference data associated with the traveler;

providing a communication link between a computerized reservation system with information for at least one provider of travel services and a graphical user interface configured to selectively [allowing] allow the traveler to reserve a travel plan with a provider of travel services based on a result of the determination for each request, without assistance of a travel agency, and

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communicate the reserved travel plan to [a] the travel agency for subsequent processing;

determining whether each reserved travel plan complies with the enterprise policy data; and

updating the travel data to reflect each reserved travel plan and related expense information.

73. (Twice Amended) A method for managing travel for an enterprise, comprising:

receiving a traveler's request to book a travel plan;

determining whether the traveler's requested travel plan complies with travel management criteria;

providing a communication link between a computerized reservation system with information for at least one provider of travel services and a graphical user interface configured to selectively [allowing] allow the traveler to complete a travel reservation with a provider of travel services based on whether the traveler's requested travel plan complies with the travel management criteria, without assistance of a travel agency, and selectively [communicating] communicate the completed travel reservation to [a] the travel agency for post reservation processing;

computing expense data corresponding to the travel plan; and

integrating the travel plan and the expense data into a storage subsystem

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having travel information for the enterprise.

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75. (Twice Amended) A computer-implemented method of managing travel for an enterprise, comprising the steps of:

interactively receiving a traveler's request to book a travel plan and determining whether the traveler's requested travel plan complies with travel policies or travel preferences of the enterprise;

providing a communication link between a computerized reservation system and a graphical user interface configured to interactively [allowing the] allow a traveler to selectively complete a planned travel reservation with a provider of travel services based on whether the traveler's requested travel plan complies with the travel policies or travel preferences, without assistance of a travel agency, and selectively communicate the completed travel reservation to [a] the travel agency for subsequent processing of the completed travel reservation;

computing expense data corresponding to the travel plan; and

maintaining a storing subsystem reflecting travel information for the enterprise, including requested travel plans and corresponding expense data.

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92. (Amended) A computer-implemented method of managing travel for an enterprise, comprising the steps of: